HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of such crimes reported in the NCT of Delhi during the years 1998, 1999 and the first six months of the current year was as follow:

S. No.	Crime Head	1998	1999	2000 (Upto 30th June)
1.	Dacoity	65	63	30
2.	Kidnapping/abduction of women	1306	1375	548
3.	Rape	445	402	246
4.	Kidnapping for ransom	25	28	17
5.	Murder of the elderly persons	21	14	7

(b) The total number of IPC crimes reported in Delhi during 1999 registered a significant decrease of 9.55% over such crime reported during the preceding year. This is for the first time in the recent years that the increasing trend in the number of crimes was not only halted but also reversed. The measures taken to prevent the crimes included intensification of beat patrolling, posting of armed pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on an frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecedents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meetings with officers of neighbouring States; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and crime-prone places.

(e) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Criteria for Promotion of Laboratory Technicians in ITBP

*246. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria fixed for promotion of Laboratory Technicians working in ITBP;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite working for more than fifteen years, they have not been promoted in the next pay scale or grade; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The posts of Laboratory Technicians in ITBP are isolated posts. The Government orders/instructions on promotional avenues in respect of isolated posts are applicable to these posts also;

(b) and (c) There are 24 persons working as Laboratory Technicians in ITBP. Out of these, 13 persons have completed more than 15 years service.

Based on recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission, Government has formulated a scheme in August, 1999 for Assured Career Progression for Group B, C and D and isolated posts in Group A, B, C and D categories to mitigate hardships in cases of acute stagnation in the cadre or in an isolated post. As per this scheme. ITBP Lab Technicians who have completed 12 years in the posts of Laboratory Technician would be considered for financial upgradation to the next standard/common higher scale. The ITBP has been directed to hold the Screening Committee meeting to consider the cases of the Lab Technicians who have completed 12 years of service for financial upgradation under the ACP scheme. Since the scheme is to be effective w.e.f. the date of issue of Government orders by Deptt. of Personnel and Training i.e. 9.8.1999, financial upgradation of the eligible Lab Technician will be effective from that date or the date when incumbent completes 12 years service whichever is later. As such these Lab Technicians will not be facing any financial loss.